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SENATE RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the future of the State of Arkansas is dependent to a large extent on the good health of its families; and

WHEREAS, good health can be achieved in part through good dental habits learned early and reinforced throughout life; and

WHEREAS, research shows that a balanced diet, proper oral hygiene, and preventative dental care can prevent tooth decay and reduce dental-related illnesses that cause school-aged children in the United States to miss thirty-four million (34,000,000) school hours annually, starting as early as grade one (1), lost hours that exacerbate socioeconomic disparities; and

WHEREAS, National Children's Dental Health Month is an opportunity for the citizens of the State of Arkansas to unite and join in its observance in order to raise public awareness about the importance of good oral health for all children,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:



THAT the Senate recognize the importance and practice of good dental health, especially in children, to ensure the well-being of generations to come in the State of Arkansas and designate the month of February as National Children's Dental Health Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the leaders of Delta Dental Plan of Arkansas and the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation, Inc., by the Secretary of the Senate.